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SUBJECT: FRG INTEREST IN INDIAN DEVELOPMENTS

1. FRG MINISTER COUNSELOR REUYTER CALLED ON DEPUTY ASST. SECRETARY DUBS MARCH 30 TO REVIEW CURRENT DEVELOPMENTS IN INDIA PRIOR TO FOREIGN MINISTER GENSCHER'S FORTHCOMING TRIP TO INDIA AND SRI LANKA APRIL 20-26. REUYTER REFERRED TO THE EXPBCTATION WHICH HE HAS FOUND WIDELY VOICED IN THE AMERICAN PRESS THAT INDO-U.S. RELATIONS ARE ENTERING A NEW PHASE AND HE ASKED FOR DUBS' PERCEPTION OF THE DIRECTION IN WHICH THEY WOULD BE MOVING. MR. DUBS STATED THAT THE U.S. WAS INTERESTED IN A STABLE RELATIONSHIP WITH INDIA. WE HAD WELCOMED THE WORKING OF THE DEMOCRATIC PROCESS AND LOOK FORWARD TO CONTINUED GOOD RELATIONS WITH INDIA. THE U.S. WILL CERTAINLY BE RECEPTIVE
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TO ANY IDEAS OR PROPOSALS THE INDIANS MIGHT MAKE CONCERNING OUR BILATERAL RELATIONSHIP. DUBS NOTED HOWEVER THAT THE U.S. DOES NOT WANT TO GET AHEAD OF THE INDIANS AND WILL LET THEM SET THE PACE.

2. DUBS NOTED THAT GENSCHER'S VISIT APPARENTLY WILL BE THE FIRST FORMAL DISCUSSIONS TO BE HELD BY THE NEW GOVERNMENT

WITH A WESTERN STATE AND THUS WOULD BE OF SOME INTEREST

TO US AS A POSSIBLE INDICATOR OF ITS CURRENT THINKING.
REUYTER STATED THAT HE WOULD RECOMMEND BRIEFING OUR
EMBASSY IN NEW DELHI FOLLOWING THE VISIT.
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